



City of Seat Pleasant

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Mayor Eugene W. Grant to Speak on Smart Cities Panel in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Seat Pleasant, MD (April 5th) – This week, **Mayor Eugene W. Grant**, will present on a ‘Smart Cities’ Symposium panel. This one-day event is entitled, “Smart Cities: A Connected Way Forward – The Future is Here, Are You Ready?” will be held on the campus of and sponsored by Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Friday, April 6.

Mayor Eugene W. Grant, will present on a panel entitled, “Smart Cities in Action: Implementation and Vision.” As a presenter, he will discuss how cities like The City of Seat Pleasant “*A Smart City of Excellence*” can begin to prepare, design and implement data-driven approaches to improve cities infrastructure. As technology advances it will take long range-planning, systems-thinking and a cross-collaboration between businesses, government and education to ensure that cities are livable, workable, and sustainable for everyone.

The “Smart Cities: A Connected Way Forward –The Future is Here Are You Ready?” Symposium will have five hour-long sessions that will cover topics such as: smart vehicles, future demographics, smart cities, and energy infrastructure in the smart grid. Each session will be led by city, county and state planners and engineers; city managers; county administrators; mayors; economic development leaders; information technology directors; public works directors; transportation experts and business/industry representatives. The agenda will also include an exhibit hall and wrap up with the “Smart Cities in Action” panel discussion.

Mayor Grant has been leading the City of Seat Pleasant, MD, “*A Smart City of Excellence*” through successful innovative methods and providing executive municipal leadership since 2004. In 2017, Mayor Grant signed an agreement with IBM to build a \$30 million cloud-based, Intelligent Operations Center in the City of Seat Pleasant, “*A Smart City of Excellence*”. This multi-year endeavor will elevate Seat Pleasant to become the FIRST authentic small Smart City in the world.

About City of Seat Pleasant

Founded in 1931, the city of Seat Pleasant is a small bedroom community west of Washington, DC in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Its government is balanced with a Mayor and Seven Councilmembers. Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence is committed to finding ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently and provide meaningful and innovative methods to

engage our citizenry. The City of Seat Pleasant is the first Smart City in the state of Maryland offering Smart City services that are better, faster, and personalized making it a “City for Me” using information and communication technology, with the internet of things.

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